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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Giffin  
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Title: Variable Valve

Docket No.: GIFF0001CIP  
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Examiner: Huynh, Hai H.

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10 MAIL STOP - AMENDMENT  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

20 This is in response to the Office Action, which was mailed to Applicant on 15 July 2005, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

Applicant does not believe that filing of this Amendment will incur additional fees.  
25 However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.

An interview was conducted on 22 September 2005, between Donald M. Hendricks, Applicant's Representative, and the Examiner, to discuss the cited  
30 prior art, the distinctive features of the present invention, as disclosed in the Application as filed and as presently claimed, and proposed amendments to clarify some of the preferred embodiments of the present invention. The Examiner generally agreed that the stated features appear to be distinctive, but reserves the right to further examine the Application, as currently amended.